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In re

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

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Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, and in response to the Office Action dated October 22, 2003, Applicants request entry of the amendments, reconsideration on the merits, withdrawal of the rejections, and allowance of the claims. This response is accompanied by a request for a petition for a two-month extension of time, extending the deadline for reply from January 22, 2004 to March 22, 2004.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of the claims, which begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.